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NEWSLETTER

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**RALPH JOHNSON
PRESIDENT-PRIDES**

President's Message

Fellow PRIDES

Since the last newsletter our organization has been very busy with a variety of events in addition to our regular schedules.

The major event was the Luminaria program co-chaired by Marilyn Shaw and Linda Johnson. Since there was substantial rain last Christmas eve, we fully expected sales to decline and it happened, although not as drastically as we feared might occur. The continued success of the Luke program really saved us by collecting contributions for the Luke Library in excess of \$4,600! We thank Steve and Linda Victor for managing and coordinating the Luminaria for Luke program!

THANKS to all our volunteers who participated in any form or fashion related to the entire Luminaria Program! And our special thanks to Marilyn and Linda who have co-chaired of the event for the past four years. They have tirelessly served well beyond a normal time frame in that capacity. They have each announced their retirement. Marilyn and Linda, PRIDES members wish to extend our heartfelt THANKS for your years

of dedication to our singular fundraiser event...Job Well Done!

The Christmas luncheon at Grandview Terrace was well attended with approximately 150 members and guests in attendance. I want to thank Diane Rice and her team of volunteers for organizing and managing the event.

Sun City West's 40th Anniversary presented opportunities for PRIDES to participate in a few of the activities.

- Five members of the PRIDES Board and their guests were represented with a table at the Anniversary Banquet. Two speakers presented a history of Sun City West beginning with the original purchase of 14 tracks of land continuing through the major of events that makes up Sun City West today.

- The parade on Presidents' Day provided us with the opportunity to showcase the carts, truck and support equipment. The parade attendees applauded and shouted their "THANKS AND APPRECIATION" throughout the entire parade route.

- The parade coordinator requested our assistance in cleaning up the parade route, RHJ, Beardsley and Briarwood and expressed her thanks for our services.

Thank you to the dozen gleaners who have participated in a terrific program that benefits the community and the St.

Mary's Food Bank. The camaraderie has been terrific!

The Spring Picnic committee with co-chairs Paul Koppe and Hugh Leedy and all of their support members did an outstanding job of putting together a great event...THANK YOU! It was reasonably well attended with approximately 120 members and guests. Dillon's catered the event. The entertainment was provided by the technology of Pandora radio utilizing my smart phone, a wireless speaker and the microphone from the Kuentz center. There were five lucky winners in the 100/100 raffle drawing - yours truly won second place and past vice-president Tony DeSomer won first place.

We have now reached the time of the year when the snow and rain birds will return to their summer homes. We wish them a safe journey and enjoyable summer!

The summer hours will begin on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 6:30 AM. The monitors will use their discretion as to the time they wish to begin work in their Section.

There will not be a general meeting for the months of June, July and August. However, there will be a refreshment event in the shop on July 21st.

Best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable summer!

Proud to be a PRIDE,

Ralph Johnson
President

PRIDES OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- ◆ President:.....Ralph Johnson
- ◆ Vice-President.....Diane Rice
- ◆ Corp.Secretary.....Ruth Black
- ◆ Treasurer.....Ron Rada
- ◆ Assoc. Treasurer Disbursements.....Ron Ryman & Dick McBee
- ◆ Assoc. Treasurer Revenue.....Ruth Black & Paul Koppe
- ◆ Director.....Paul Kuntz
- ◆ Director.....Hugh Leedy

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ **March 31st**—Women's Club & Boomers Host Breakfast for the PRIDES. Also, NO WORK due to Easter Weekend
- ◆ **April 3rd...**
[Begin Summer Hours 6:30—8:00 am](#)
- ◆ **April 21st**—8:00 am Meeting
- ◆ **May 19th** — 8:00 am Meeting
- ◆ **May 26th** — NO WORK Memorial Day Weekend
- ◆ **June** — No Meeting
- ◆ **June 30th** — NO WORK 4th of July is a Wednesday
- ◆ **July 21st** — 8:00 am Refreshments in the Shop
- ◆ **August** — No Meeting
- ◆ **September 1st** — NO WORK Labor Day Weekend
- ◆ **September 15th** — 8:00 am Meeting
- ◆ **October 1st...**
[Begin Winter Hours 7:30—9:00 am](#)

PRIDES at Work & Play — Go to <http://photos.scwprides.com/> to see the entire PRIDES photo gallery.



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2018 PRIDES Gleaning
With Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church

NO-WORK DATES:

March 31— Easter
May 28— Memorial Day
June 30— 4th of July
September 1— Labor Day



PRIDES Impressive Parade Entry for the
40th Anniversary of Sun City West on 1-19-18



Proud to be a PRIDE...

Horticulture News... Spring Trimming and Planting

Trimming and planting in your Sections is in full swing. Take time now to look at your Section and trim back all Oleanders, Sages, Cassias, Bird of Paradise and Yellow Belles. This will help create a new fresh look to the plant and to the entire Section which is what the Rec. Center has requested. Additionally, maintenance of the plants at a smaller size with natural growth will reduce your future trimming by 50% and the plants will produce flowers more proficiently. If you need new plants, THINK COLOR! Planting will cease around April 15th so place your order now using the forms in the office.

Fry's Community Rewards Program

This program rewards the PRIDES with much needed \$\$\$\$. It's all based on your signing up for the program and then shopping at any Fry's or Kroger location. But first you must have a Fry's Rewards Card and then choose a Community Rewards recipient (the PRIDES have been assigned organization # **25001**). If you haven't yet signed up for this amazing program, please do so ASAP. If you need help, call Fry's at 1-866-221-4141 or see Ruth Black. Also, get your neighbors and friends to sign up., forms are available at our general meetings and in the PRIDES office.

Volunteers Needed

Every year we need new member volunteers to keep our sections adequately staffed. Please keep this in mind as you meet new people and let them know the good we do for the community. Invite them to come to the office on a Tuesday or Saturday morning to learn more about PRIDES, or to sign up.

On the Temporarily Out of Service List...Terry Miller & Sharon Vance

Terry Miller has been a member of PRIDES since 2012. He has been the Office Manager, Luminaria Large Order Coordinator, Photographer and D.J. during his tenure. However, due to a very serious health issue, he has had to take an extended leave of absence. Terry is missed and we wish him a VERY speedy recovery and return to PRIDES.

Sharon Vance, a PRIDES member since 2005, has been our Apparel and Raffle Coordinator. We have learned that she is now in need of our thoughts and prayers as she battles serious health issues. She has also been the caregiver for her husband, Wally, but is now unable to continue in that role. We extend to the Vance family our offer of assistance as they need it.

Luminaria for Luke Donates \$4,630 to Luke Library



PRIDES Members Steve and Linda Victor
Presenting the PRIDES Check to the Luke Library
Go online to <http://photos.scwprides.com> (it's the Luke Thank You gallery) to view the book the Luke Library put together to show how the PRIDES gift benefits Luke.

Relay for Life 2018



Thanks to everyone for their support of the 2018 Relay For Life. The PRIDES team contributed \$5,390 of the \$53,847.93 that was raised for the American Cancer Society. Plan on joining us at our next Relay For Life on February 17, 2019. Also, if you have interest in helping with the planning of the event, please contact Marilynn Shaw at 541-980-4444.

Luminaria 2017

Recap

THANK YOU, PRIDES!

Marilynn Shaw and Linda Johnson - Luminaria Co-Chairs wish to thank everyone who helped with the 2017 Luminaria Program as we raised \$7,136 for PRIDES.

If you want to be part of the committee for 2018/2019, please see Ralph Johnson.

Save The Date

Breakfast

For the PRIDES...

The SCW Women's Club will be hosting a breakfast for the PRIDES, the Posse and the Firefighters. The date will be March 31st starting at 8:00 AM and will be held at the Women's Clubhouse across the street from PRIDES adjacent to the Stardust Theater.